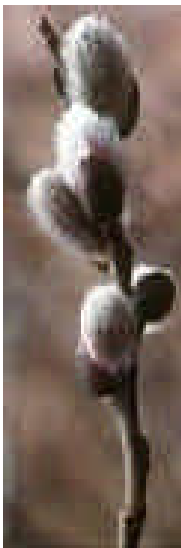


Salix discolor

Pussy Willow



Much-loved silvery catkins open in late February and March. Good for wet, difficult sites, for wildlife habitat, and for sentimental value. Fast-growing and easy to transplant. But, weak-wooded, prone to breakage, and susceptible to many diseases and insect problems - particularly willow borer.

Suggested companions: red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*).

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Plant Type: Small Tree

Size: 20-25' H
7-9' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Shrubby Wetland
Wet Meadow
Swamp/ Bog
Streambanks

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Very Damp/Wet
Rich Moist
Clay

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:
Silver

Bloom Time:
February
March

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Butterfly attracting